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Who's Who'

AND WHAT'S

he Evening

PROPERTY OWNERS **WIN FIGHT AGAINS** COST OF PAVEMEN

Court of Appeals Rules Borland Law Applies to City Streets Only.

DECISION SETTLES ISSUE. NO APPEAL TO BE MADE

Justice Stafford Says Taxpayer Should Be Given Benefit of All Doubts.

The Borland law, assessing half the cost of paving against abutting property owners, applies only to city streets and not to country roads in the rural sections of the city, the District Court of Appeals decided today in an opinion by Chief Justice

Smyth.

The finding of the Appellate Court up-holds the decision rendered some time ago by Justice Stafford in the District Supreme Court, in which he took the same view of the question.

Corporation Counsel Francis H. Stephens, when he learned of the conclusion of the Court of Appeals, said he would not take the issue to the United States Supreme Court. \$2,199.53 in Test Case.

The case was brought by Anna M. Knox, Cora H. Knox and Nina V. has already passed the Senate to con-West, owners of property abutting tinue the life of the Rent Commission tice Smyth pointed out in the decision that the property is valued at Representative Frank C. Millspaugh

have to pay the one-half cost assessment when abutting roads are im-

knows, there is no well-defined boun-dary line that could be laid down to distinguish between city streets and country roads. Each case, he said, will have to be decided upon its

Wants Wording of Law Followed.

The Court of Appeals calls attention to the wording of the law which provides that a paving, for which there is to be an assessment levied. must not be less than one square in extent from curb to curb or gutter to gutter. The court takes the view that this was intended to mean city when referring to a country road.

FOUR-ALARM FIRE THREATENS HOTEL

Portland, at Thomas Circle. Damaged-Woman, Sick in Bed, Rescued.

Fire breaking out in the apartment of Senator McKellar of Tennessee, at the Portland, facing on Thomas Circle, resulted in four alarms, a great deal of excitement, a general exodus of guests and little damage, except that caused by water.

The fire was discovered by E. A The fire was discovered by E. A. Gavey, who turned in the house fire alarm, which resulted in a general outpouring of guests. When the second alarm was turned in Fire Chief Watson accompanied the apparatus and sent in two additional alarms. The fire, which appeared of greater The fire, which appeared of greater proportions than it really was, was excinguished within half an hour after the firemen reached the scene. Mrs. Lynn Glover, forty-two years old, was ill in bed and unable to leave her room when the fire broke out. Two firemen brought her down in the elevator and left her in the reception hall. The great volume of water had flooded the entire hotel, dripping down the stairways and elevator shaft to the first floor.

The fire originated in apartment 52,

The fire originated in apartment 52, ccupied by Senator McKellar of The fire originated in apartment 52, occupied by Senator McKellar of Tennessee. On the same floor was Miss Margaret Cummins, a sister of Senator Cummins of Iowa, who was confined to her room in a sick bed. She was one of the last to leave the apartment having to wait will the was one of the last to leave the apartment, having to wait until the elevator, which was occupied in bringing firemen and fire-fighting ap

LORD AND LADY ASTOR LEAVE FOR QUAKER CITY

Lord and Lady Astor left Washing ton early today for Philadelphia after what the latter described as the most wonderful three-day visit ever enjoyed in the Nation's Capital.' Lady Astor is to address the Women's Trade Union League at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia tomorrov afternoon, she announced before her

Lord Astor stated that Lady Astor and himself would leave Philadelphia Tuesday evening for Richmond, for a brief visit, after which they would go to Lynchburg, possibly Thursday, visit Danville, and later go to Lady Astor's old home in Albemarle county. Lord Astor was unable to say where they would go after the Virginia trip.

Yesterday, the last day of the Brit-Yesterday, the last day of the Brit-ish couple in Washington, was spent in a strictly social way. After at-tending service in a Christion Science Church in the morning, they lunched with Gen. Pershing. Their other en-gagements included a visit to Mount Vernon with Secretary of Commerce licover and a party of friends.

HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND, MISSES ENGAGEMENT TO SEE PRESIDENT

Baer was released by a special board of inquiry today.

formed today that one of those on President Harding's engagement list for the day, Miss Gertrude Baer of Hamburg, Germany, a delegate to the meeting here of

tention upon arrival yesterday at New York pending investigation of alleged communistic beliefs. Delegates to the meeting of the International League for Peace had an engagement today with Secretary Hughes to present a plea for recognition of Russia.

cate of Extension Agree

the Ball rent act before it is reported to the House by the House District committee. This was assured today when the hearings on the bill, which on Naylor road southeast. Chief Jus- of the District of Columbia for two more years, was resumed today.

only \$11,300 and that the special as- of Missouri, republican, who is leadsessment on it for the paving of Nay- ing the opposition to the bill, emlor road with common macadam came phasized the need for certain amendments and it was admitted by Representative Hammer of North Carolina, owning property in rural sections of the leading advocate for passage of the District of Columbia will not the legislation, that certain facts brought out at the hearing today the bureau of engraving and printstressed the need for amending the act as it now exists.

Corporation Counsel Stephens said today, however, that, so far as he and taken before the Court of Appeals should be required to give bond peals should be required to give bond sufficient to cover the difference in rental until the court has decided. The rights of the landlord and owner also will be protected in the new bill, giving the landlord as well as the tenant a right to file complaint, and also specifically providing how an owner can acquire possession of his property or can out undestrable.

Comments of Members.

Several times today Representative Hammer insisted that the rent board seemed to be on trial before the committee instead of the merits of the streets, for the reason that it is un- legislation. Representative Keller of committee should first pass upon The chief justice further states in the decision that it is the practice in cases involving taxation or assessment that the wording of the law should be followed as nearly as possible, and any doubt which may arise should go to the taxpayer.

committee should first pass upon whether the situation exists which requires extending the life of the Ball rent act before close inquiry is made into the acts of the commission.

Mrs. Clara Sears Taylor and William F. Gude, both members of the rent board, are to be heard tomorrow

Chairman Sinclair a Witness. A Leftwich Sinclair, chairman of

of the Monmouth apartment, in which it was figured that the rate allowed by the board was confiscatory and that the defendant "did not have a

Mr. Sinclair endeavored to convince the committee that the rent board had not unduly advanced considera-tion of the rents in the Meridian Mansion, it having been previously claimed that due to the influence of senators, judges and millionaires, fa-voritism had been shown in consid-eration of Meridian Mansion rents.

Radio Concerts

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The Star begins today a series of ten articles, describing in simple detail how to construct and "hook up" a good

Begin the Series Today on the

FEDERAL WORKERS JOIN IN PROTESTING

5,000 Bureau of Engraving and Printing Employes Fight Increase.

STORM IS INCREASING AS ALL FORCES UNITE

Estate Board and Citi-

are fighting the increased taxation plan proposed by the conferees on he District appropriation bill were considerably strengthened today when the joint conference board of the bureau of engraving and printing ined up with the protestants and requested a hearing on the matter, at which the District Commissioners

on the District. They also requested a hearing and invited citizens associations' representatives to meet to-

Representing about 5,000 employes n the twenty-three various trades at ing, the legislative committee of the joint conference board today prereport is submitted to the floors of the respective houses for action.

The petition embodied a protest against the insertion in the conference report of the new provision to increase assessment valuation on real estate from two-thirds of its value to its full value and presented the following reasons for such a present lowing reasons for such a protest:

Reasons for Protest.

"We were wondering whether the District appropriation conference

committee has the power to add new legislation and whether it would not be subject to a point of order.

be subject to a point of order.

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia should at least be given an opportunity to be heard on the merits of the proposed legislation.,
"In many and, indeed, a great majority of cases the employes of the bureau of engraving and printing have selected their places of residence with regard to reasonableness of rent and a corresponding decrease of call upon their resources in the matter of the cost of living, and any increase of expenses to them in taxes is a matter of great importance, espeis a matter of great importance, espe-cially in view of the prevailing rates of their compensation. Of the 5,800 employed, fully one-half are low-sal-aried, and by these even a slight in-crease of expenses is seriously felt.

Would Increase Burden.

government employes and others of fair and impartial hearing," and which also stated that the rent board had acted in the double capacity of judge and counsel.

Mr. Sinclair endeavored to convince the complete that the rent board had acted in the double capacity of judge and counsel. deferred mortgages, their burden would not only be increased by the contemplated boost in real estate taxes, but an increase in intangible tax would have a direct effect on them, as holders of mortgages would more than likely transfer this raise in intangible tax to an increased rate of interest charge to the property owner.

Civil Service League Says Appointments in Twenty States Ignore

Eligible List.

NEW YOBK, May 1.—Ninety out of ninety-two postmasterships went to republicans under the present administration, although appointees were not first on the civil service list, the National Civil Service Reform League declared in a statement issued last night.

The league denounces the methods of naming forth-class postmasters and declares that their investigation in twenty states proves that politics is the nominating influence in postmaster appointments. The report is signed by William Dudley Foulke as chairman.

Enjoy the Educational and Entertaining

"With a shortage of houses and apartments still existing to a-marked degree, and rents at an abnormal high point, it would seem particularly unfortunate that any legislation should be passed at this time that would be passed at this time that would give a setback to the efforts that are being made to solve the housing shortage by both the national government and the state authorities. Such legislation means higher rents, higher rates of interest on mortgage loans, and may mean the loss of homes to men of a moderate salary who may be buying on the monthly payment plan and whose salary will not stand any additional burden."

The petition was submitted by Edward R. Williams, the chairman of the board, and Miss Mary Campbell, secretary, who waited on the Commissioners this morning.

District fiscal experts are at work today figuring up in dollars and cents exactly what the new legislation would mean to the pocketbooks of the District. It is expected that complications will be presented to the District Commissioners for their information and guidance within the next few days.

One statistics shark here today dug up the assessment rate of the state of Minnesota, whence hails Repre-

of Minnesota, whence hails Representative Davis, chairman of the House conferees. It was shown that by law in his state the taxes were levied on a 40 per cent property assessment. Realty Board Protests. Resolutions notifying President Har-

ding and congressional and municipal officials that the proposed tax increases in the District of Columbia would work severe hardship on Washington and urging Congress to give the citizens ample time to be neard relative to the recommendations of the conferees on the District appropriation bill were adopted unanimously today at a meeting of the special committee of the Wash-ington Real Estate Board appointed



KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1.-Five negroes were killed and a number of others injured early today in an explosion in a rooming house. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

The building was wrecked.

BUREAU DISPUTE

Unfavorable Reports on Two of Caraway's Resolutions Seeking More Data.

The controversy over the recent dismissals of Director Wilmeth and identify none of his three assailants. other employes of the bureau of engraving and printing bobbed up again in the Senate today when Senator Sterling, chairman of the civil service committee, reported adversely two of the Caraway resolutions seek ing to obtain information from the administration in regard to these dismissals.

One of the Caraway resolutions rehad been discharged or demoted in gregation anew.

Recently the Rev. Mr. Irwin ancivil service in conflict with an act of 1912, which directed that former Irish republican army troops today service men should not be dismissed were ordered to leave. Railroad or demoted as long as they were or demoted as long as they were rendering satisfactory service.

The other resolution reported adversely called for the appointment of a select committee of the Senate to investigate the dismissals.

Third Report Due Soon. A third resolution introduced by

Senator Caraway of Arkansas, democrat, calls upon the President to furnish the Senate full information regarding the dismissals, including the reasons why these men and women were dismissed without first giv-

The adverse report on the first reso-lution is based on the contention that the provision of the act of 1912 is not enforceable. In that act provision was made for the establishment of efficiency ratings in all the depart-ments and bureaus by the Civil Serv-ice Commission.

The paragraph relating to former service men, it is held, must be con-sidered in connection with the pro-

sidered in connection with the proviso relating to efficiency ratings leav- efficiency ratings have never been es-road, tablished as provided by law. There-resby- fore it is held that the provision re-induct lating to the former service men cannot be applied.

A Previous Ruling. As a matter of fact, a case involv

ing this point has already been decided by the courts of the District of Columbia. In 1915 an employe of the navy yard, a former service man brought action to prevent his re moval or demotion under the provision of the act of 1912. The District Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals both held that, as the ef-ficiency ratings had never been es-tablished, the paragraph relating to former service men was not effective As some of the dismissed employer of the bureau of engraving an of the bureau of engraving and printing formerly served in the Army and Navy, this Caraway resolution had its bearing on the dismissals in the bureau.

The second Caraway resolution was

reported adversely, on the ground that the information sought was covered in the third Caraway resolution. Today's News in Brief.

Pastor kidnaped and cast into ditch Republican irregulars rob Irish banks of 100,000 pounds sterling. Page, 1 Bureau dispute over dismissals again before Senate. Page 1 Soviet bribes here, Gompers charges

Maj. Gen. McAndrews dies at Walter Reed. Page 2 Opposition in France to Ambassador
Jusserand of long standing, Page 3

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE. KIDNAPED PASTOR

Ditch on Eve of Church Trial.

LAWTON, Okla., May 1.-Plans for Presbyterian Church here, proceeded

The Rev. Mr. Irwin was found by passing motorists after he had laid in the ditch three and one-half hours.

which has been split for more than a year, when the pastor preached the funeral sermon of Jake L. Hamon after Hamon was slain by Clara Smith Hamon, were discussing the incident today, but out of the discussion nothing concrete for an investi-gation has come thus far.

The Rev. Mr. Irwin also married a

Recently the Rev. Mr. Irwin announced that certain persons were trying to intimidate him and force him to leave town, and some time ago, he said, he was approached by three men as he was leaving the church one Sunday night and at the point of guns warned to go to an-

Story of Kidnaning.

urday night incident, he was on his way to the home of a member of his congregation at about 8 o'clock when was in a moving automobile, tied

was exhibited to a party of Mr.

Bassell's old Columbus friends who

stopped off here on a motor trip

D. C. MAY GET SURPLUS. Jones Resolution for Probe of Funds to Be Favorably Reported.

The Jones' concurrent resolution, providing for an investigation of the surplus revenues of the District which have accrued in recent years, but which the District has been unable to use, will be reported favorably from the Senate District committee at an early date, probably Wednesday, according to Senator Ball, chairman of the committee.

Senator Ball said that he was convinced that

senator Ball said that he was convinced that some settlement should be made in regard to the surplus revenue of the District, as soon as possible. He expressed the opinion that the District was entitled to the use of the surplus, now amounting to nearly five million dollars.

SECRET GERMAN DENIED BY RUSSIA

Tchitcherin Says There Were No Political Clauses in Rapallo Pact.

PARIS RESENTS LETTER WRITTEN TO BARTHOU

Viewed as Continuation of Soviet night. Efforts to Gain French Confidence.

GENOA, May 1.-Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, head of the Russian dele-

gation at the economic conference, Gen. Wu Pei-Fu's forces appeared to as written a letter to Vice Premier Barthou of France, assuring him there are no secret military or political clauses in the Russo-German treaty signed Easter Sunday at Rapallo. He says Russia is not hostile toward France, notwithstanding France's unfriendly attitude toward Russia.

ment on Chang's right wing, while the latter's troops were defending the Marco Polo bridge across the Hun river, commanding the approach to Peking.

Observers reported that Chang had even batteries of three guns each, firing simultaneously, with trenches over the hills along the river 600 yards, and the property of the property of

PARIS, May 1.-The full text of the PARIS, May 1.—The full text of the letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin to Vice Premier Barthou, declaring there were no annexes to the Russo-German treaty of Rapallo providing for a military combination with Germany, has been received at the French foreign office. French officials regard the letter as a continuation of soviet efforts to gain French. declaring there were no annexes to the Russo-German treaty of Rapallo providing for a military combination with Germany, has been received at the French foreign office. French offi-cials regard the letter as a continuation of soviet efforts to gain French confidence in view of soviet Russia's

confidence in view of soviet Russia's financial needs.

It was remarked today by foreign office officials that M. Tchitcherin referred only to the treaty signed at Rapallo and omitted a categoric denial of any understanding, political or military, with Germany.

Hostility Charge Resented.

ostility of the French to the Russian people was particularly resented "The French government and the French people have the greatest sympathy for the Russian people. The soviets will fail to convince the world ported adversely called upon the ad-ministration for information as to whether former soldiers and sailors whether former soldiers and sailors had been displayed as a description of the Rev. Mr. Irwin also married a touple in a public bathing pool and exhibited motion pictures in his church, things which split the con-people," said a high rench official today. "We frankly and avowedly dis-trust the Moscow leaders, and sym-

trust the Moscow leaders, and sympathize all the more with the people because they are not permitted to express their will freely."

Official advices to the French foreign office lack information concerning the reports that Prime Minister Lloyd George had proposed that the allied supreme council meet at San Remo during the Genoa conference, it was stated today.

Meanwhile, the attitude of the French government concerning a supreme council meeting is unchanged.

preme council meeting is unchanged. remains hostile to any discussion three men stopped him and knocked him unconscious with a blow on the head. When he awoke he said he default by Germany, it is declared.

Work on Proposals.

hand and foot, a gag in his mouth any charges that might be made against them. The civil service committee is expected to report on the third resolution at an early date. The expectation is that an adverse report of these resolutions to the Senate gives the Senate an opportunity to act on them if it desires to. It is expected that Senator Caraway will ask action.

The adverse report on the first resolution is based on the contention that the provision of the act of 1912 is the made and and foot, a gag in his mouth and and foot, a gag in his mouth and one of the men sitting upon him. He declared he heard one of the trio do not of the men sitting upon him. He declared he heard one of the trio do not of the men sitting upon him. He declared he heard one of the trio do not of the men sitting upon him. He declared he heard one of the trio was resumed today, with the promise of more rapid headway than heretofore.

Soon afterward he stated he was thrown from the motor car into a ditch at the side of the road, and although he succeeded in removing the gag sufficiently to hale several passing motorists, none would stop and though he succeeded in removing the gag sufficiently to hale several passing motorists, none would stop and though he succeeded in removing the gag sufficiently to hale several passing motorists, none would stop and though the vertice of Senator J. E. Thomas, nearby, where first aid was administered. He had recovered entirely today.

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PACKERS' ACT UPHELD.

Declared Constitutional by the Supreme Court.

The packers and stockyards act of 1921 was today declared constitutional by the Supreme Court.

The court, in disposing of cases brought by James E. Burton and others representing Chicago traders, and Stafford Brothers, in behalf of Chicago commission merchants, declared that commission m

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TWO CENTS.

ward Toward City's Southern Wall.

AT HUN RIVER CROSSING

Increased-Another U. S. Warship Expected. -

ossession of Peking was still continuing today, with the advantage apparently going to the forces of Gen. Nu Pei-Fu, driving toward the capital from the south.

of Changsintien at 9 o'clock last night, continuing intermittently all

Chang Troops Retreat.

ward midnight, and a small part of Gen. Chang Tso-Lin's army retreated toward the southwest walls of Peking.

apart. Gen. Wu has gone from Pao-tinfu, his headquarters, to Liuliho to

Reaches Telegraph Point.

Wu Pei-fu's army this afternoon had arrived at a point on the railroad between Peking and Tientsin. The telegraph staff at the station at Fengtai reported that soldiers were approaching. Part of Wu Pei-fu's army was reported marching across the country to

Gen. Chang Tso-Lin is personally occupying a special train at Chung-liangchen, midway between Tientsin and Taku. Traffic between Peking and the sea consequently has been blocked. The Portuguese minister here, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, filed a protest, asserting that this was a violation of the 1901 prothis was a violation of the 1901 pro-tocol. He said unless the line was opened immediately the allies would be compelled to guard the railroad. The protocol provides for uninter-rupted traffic between Peking and Shanhaikuan, which is the northeast

found outside the walls of the city indicated the flercest fighting that

ing to cut off Chang Tso-Lin's rear.

The powers represented here are watching events closely.

A French gunboat and a British gunboat have arrived off Baku, and an Italian gunboat is expected.

Fails to Fall in Trap Laid by Wu

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News, Copyright, 1922. PEKING, May 1.—There has been

artillery and cavalry reserve and drove back Wu Pei-Fu beyond his original position. The Fengtien troops refused to pursue, fearing a trap similar to that which made Wu Pei-Fu famous when fighting the Anfuites

Wu Pei-Fu's Troops Wavering.

Had Wu Pei-Fu's Troops Wavering.
Tsintien, which is an important junction, he would have secured easy access to Chang Tso Lin's camps outside the walls of Peking. Vigorous fighting is taking place between Paotingfu and Tientsin, where Wu Pei-Fu's troops are giving way.

On the Tientsin-Pukow railway at Machang Chang Tso-Lin scored a

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By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, May 1.—Gertrude

White House officials were in-

delegate to the meeting here of the Women's International League for Peace, would be unable to fill the engagement because of deten-tion at Ellis Island.

The visit of Miss Baer to the White House, it was said by offi-cials there, had been arranged by the State Department at the re-quest of the German embassy. Department of Justice officials said they had requested her de-tention upon arrival yesterday at

House Opponent and Advo-

Amendments Needed. Important changes will be made

usual to speak of squares or curb Minnesota stated his belief that the

made into the acts of the commission.
Mrs. Clara Sears Taylor and William
F. Gude, both members of the rent
board, are to be heard tomorrow
morning at 10 o'clock. This was
made the special order of business for tomorrow, for the convenience of tenants, a large number of who attended the hearing today.

the rent board, was the only witness before the committee today. Over his protest, Representative Millspaugh read into the hearing an ex-tract from the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District in the case

CLAIMS POLITICS NAMED

90 OF 92 POSTMASTERS

which now fill the air,

working set.

RADIO PAGE

AGAINST TAX PLAN

Strong Complaint Made by Real Organized forces of business and

eal estate men and taxpayers that

would appear. Meantime, the special committee of Meantime, the special committee of the Washington Real Estate Board appointed to study the new tax sys-tem adopted resolutions protesting to President Harding, members of Congress and the municipal author-ities that the proposed taxation change would work a severe hardship

morrow.

Attention of Congress also was called to the opposition to the plan in a resolution sent to the Capitol today by Charles A. Baker, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations. This resolution was adopted at a mass meeting of citizens and representatives of civic and trade bodies yesterday afternoon in the stadium of Central High School.

5.000 Employes Represented. 5,000 Employes Represented.

sented to the District Commissioners, and forwarded to Congress, a request that an attempt be made to obtain a hearing before the conferees of the House and Senate on the proposed change in fiscal relations before the report is submitted to the floors of the respective houses for exting

"It seems to us that the bills that passed the House and Senate do not require a change in assessment valua-

"Referring to the vast numbers of

"With a shortage of houses and apartments still existing to a marked

up the assessment rate of the state

ROB IRISH BANKS 100,000 POUNDS

Republican Irregulars in New Step to Paralyze Provisional Government.

Irish Republican army irregulars in raids on various branches of the Bank of Ireland in the south, it was reported in Belfast today. The branches at Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Clonmel, Sligo, Castlebar and Tuam were among, those raided. All the raiders escaped capture. No other banks were touched. At Limerick the raid was carried out and the money of the bank was

BELFAST, May 1 .- More than 100,

000 pounds sterling have been taken by

removed in motors while a large crowd looked on. The bank of Ireland has been ing as treasurer of the Irish pro-visional government and it was be-lieved here that the seizures were intended to embarrass and paralyze the

PROTESTANTS ORDERED TO GO.

Railroad Tracks Also Torn Up and Bridges Destroyed. TEMPLEMORE, County Londonderry, May 1.—The Protestants of this district and a number of regular tracks in a number of places have been torn up, bridges have been destroyed and the roads blocked.

LONDONDERRY, May 1.—Armed Irish republican army insurgents are active on Londonderry-Donegal border, according to reports received here. They were said to have held up and confiscated a number of motor cars from Londonderry to Free State territory. REBELS GIVE UP WHISKY.

Bloodshed at Kilkenny Avoided by Action of Troops. By the Associated Press. DUBLIN, May 1 .- The irregular republican troops who seized the bonded stores in Kilkenny on Saturday and removed the whole stock of whisky to the Kilkenny jail surrendered the goods to the regulars after intervention by the mayor, says a statement issued from general headquarters in Beggars Bush bar-

headquarters in Beggars Bush bar-racks. At the same time they sur-rendered the whisky the irregular forces evacuated the jail. Commander Prout of the regulars reported that the whisky had been shipped to Kilkenny from Dublin, and was not made in Belfast, as supposed. The jail is under guard of regular A royal Irish constabulary automo-bile, bound for Drogheda from the Gormanstown camp, was ambushed yesterday and the driver killed. The slayers seized the car and fied, leav-ing the policeman's body in the road. The car had been sent for a Presby-

terian minister who was to conduct the Sunday services at the police WILSON CLUB SMOKES.

National University Law Students

Have Special Program.

The Woodrow Wilson Club of the National University of Law held a smoker in the Marlea Cafeteria Saturday evening. Fifty-six students and their friends attended the smoker. Addresses were made by President Henry P. Thomas, Prof. Conrad Syme, the toastmaster of the evening; Representative Garrett of Tennessee, Robert N. Harper, Justice Frederick Siddons and Harold B. Foulkrod of this city, a representa-Foulkrod of this city, a representa-tive of The Wilsonian, a democratic magazine. The evening was arranged by Mr. Thomas and Hugh H. Framp-

Obregon Tells Visitors Foreign Capital Is Welcomed. By the Associated Press.

MEXICO WANTS ALIENS.

tions of the conferees on the District appropriation bill were adopted unanimously today at a meeting of the special committee of the Washington Real Estate Board appointed to consider the tax question.

At the same time letters were sent out inviting the heads of the various business and civic organizations to delegate specially authorized committees or representatives to meet in joint conference with a realtors' committee tomorrow afternoon for the (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

By the Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, May 1.—In an address last night to a group of American and European business men who were visiting him at Chapultepec Castle, President Obregon declared that Mexico welcomed with open arms all foreign capital and was disposed to give all guarantees so long as foreign capital and was disposed to reign capital and was disposed to five all guarantees of the International Harvester Company was in the group. He is making a special inquiry into the cultivation of heneque were visiting him at Chapultepec Castle, President Obregon declared that Mexico welcomed with open arms all foreign capital and was disposed to give all guarantees so long as foreign capital and was disposed to give all guarantees of the International Harvester Company was in the group. He is making a special inquiry into the cultivation of henequery in Yucatan. Eastlake testifies against Miss Knox

Gagged and Thrown Into

the Associated Press. the church trial May 9 of the Rev. Thomas Irwin, pastor of the Firs today in the absence of any action to determine who kidnaped the Rev. Mr. Irwin Saturday night, hit him on the head, chloroformed him and threw him in a ditch twelve miles from the city.

Factions in Congregation. Both factions in the congregation.

other city. According to his story of the Sat-

FOLKS WITH AMAZING RESULTS LEESBURG, Va., May 1 .- Aristocratic Loudoun county, Va., lays claim today to its first real modern "cook trap." It is on the country estate of John Y. Bassell, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, and

VIRGINIA "COOK TRAP" PUZZLES OHIO

to New York. The visit was marked by a luncheon fit for the gods. Virginia ham, chicken a la Maryland, diamond-back terrapin, corn fritters, waffles and honey carried the visitors, who were no mean epi-cureans themselves, into the elysian recureans themselves, into the elysian fields of the cullinary art.

Naturally, they marveled at the manner in which the food was prepared and served; marveled that in these post-slavery days the country 'roundabout here could boast—and keep—such a master of the bitchen

"It's the 'cook trap'" explained
Mr. Bassell, with a broad grin.
"What in the world——?"
The host anticipated the expres-The host anticipated the expression of surprise.

"Wait and see," he commanded. And then when the luncheon was over he conducted his guests to the trap.

As an integral part of a new brick garage, Mr. Bassell has built a boudoir which might have

built a boudoir which might have been plucked right out of the Ritz Hotel. Tiled bath, lace curtains, telephone, electric lights with a push button on the wall to snap them on and off; brass bed, fine rugs, a dressing table with three mirrors—these are some of the accouterments of the "cook trap."

"There it is, gentlemen, and it works like a charm," said the host with a proud sweep of the arm. The old colored mammy now serving as cook vows no one can get her out of the "trap" until she dies. But meantime Mr. Bassell is the only "farmer" in Loudoun county with a waiting list of cooks.

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WU FORCES GAINING

Tide of Conflict Rolling East-

DEFENDERS PLAN STAND

Juard About American Legation

By the Associated Press.
PEKING, May 1.—The pattle for the

ing, twelve miles southwest of the city, were that Gen. Wu was forcing the soldiers of Gen. Chang Tso-Lin from Changsintien, and that the tide of battle was rolling eastward toward the southern walls of Peking. Heavy gunfire broke out to the east

Advices from the center of the fight-

Artillery firing in the sector south of Peking became more intense to-

be developing their flanking movement on Chang's right wing, while

M. Tchitcherin's reference to the attack Chang Tso-Lin south of Tient-

terminus of the great wall. Flerce Fighting Shown. Fighting around Peking has diminished as a result of the retirement of Chang Tso-Lin's army from the immediate vicinity. Chinese inhabitants said today the wounded and dead

had taken place in recent history. It develops today that Gen. Feng Yuh Siang, the "Christian general" who commanded Wu Pei-Fu's opera-

CHANG HOLDS ADVANTAGE. in Retreating.

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continuous fighting on the whole front for the last thirty-six hours. The line extends from Chang Tsintien, a few miles southwest of Peking, southward to Machang, fifty miles south of Tientsin, Gen. Wu Pei-Fu's positions being parallel to the Peking-Mukden railway. His attempt to secure control of Peking by dislodging the Fengtien forces at Chang Tsintien failed. Gen. Chang Tso-Lin threw into the engagement a large artillery and cavalry reserve and

famous when fighting the Anfuites three years ago.

Gen. Chang Tso-Lin is now holding all the approaches to Peking in this direction, his right flank resting on the western hills. Sunday morning Wu Pei-Fu attempted encircling operations, but Chang Tso-Lin anticipated this and defeated in a dingdong struggle, which is still going on. The bombing of the cannon is heard continuously.

Chang Tso-Lin holds a small mileage of the Peking-Hankow railway and the whole of the Peking-Mukden railway.

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